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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Defense Panel  
REFERENCE: Memorandum from A/DD/S&T to D/OEL, etc.,  
dated 17 August 1970

1. We have reviewed the subject report in detail with particular emphasis on Organization and R&D Procedures. The report has many interesting points but is so widespread that immediate effects on CIA are not apparent.

2. There is probably a need for a "net assessments group" to weigh foreign military capabilities independently from DIA. Obviously such a group could increase CIA influence in arriving at military capability assessments. Such a group should also provide a foundation to the new and strengthened Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA). This could prove beneficial since R&D funds will continue to be closely monitored by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Improved liaison with ARPA may bring some DOD R&D funds our way.

3. There is no mention in the report as to change in the organization or level of reporting of the NRO. Our conjecture is that there will be little overall effect upon OEL.

4. We believe the R&D recommendations are sound and where applicable to CIA should be followed.

5. Other miscellaneous observations are as follows:

a. DIA and NSA are in for a shake-up.

b. The Project Management section proves the soundness of the CIA concept of a centralized procurement team.

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